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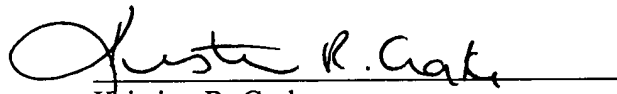
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed on March 22, 2006, claims 1-15 are pending. Claim 4-8 are allowed, and claims 1-2 and 9-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) on the basis of Sullivan et al. ("Sullivan"). Applicant is submitting herewith arguments that are believed to distinguish Sullivan from the claimed invention.

**Remarks**

The examiner has rejected applicant's claims 1-3 and 9-15 as anticipated by Sullivan. Sullivan describes a system for distributing information to users (the recipient) based upon the recipient's preferences. (Col. 3, lines 47-55). A neural network is employed to "learn" the recipient's preferences.

The neural network selects one or more objects (a destination or location where information can be stored or delivered, see Col. 4 lines 50-56, such as a user address) to receive information from a plurality of information sources. As used in Sullivan, a recipient is someone